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EXPANSION OF GSM CAPACITY BY BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has decided to expand its GSM capacity across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the BSNL has fixed a target of 10 crore subscribers base by 2010 in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the BSNL which was ranked second a couple of years also has been slipping in ranking; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir.Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has planned to add 30 lakh customers per month from 2008 onwards.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Decline in market share of BSNL in wireless segment is due to increase of number of private players like Bharati, Reliance, Vodafone, Tata & Idea and fierce competition among different service providers.